THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The present nuclear power capacity in the country is 2720 MWe. It is proposed to be increased to about 20,000 MWe by the year 2020, subject to the availability of budgetary support from the Government. During the X Five Year Plan, nuclear power capacity of 1300 MWe is planned to be added by completion of TAPP 3&4-2X500 MWe (being uprated to 540 MWe) and Kaiga 3 (one 220 MWe, out of 2x220 MWe of Kaiga 3&4 units under construction) units. Thus, the total nuclear power capacity will reach 4020 MWe by the end of the X Plan. The proposals in the X Plan envisage the commencement of new schemes, to yield benefits for reaching a total nuclear power capacity of 9935 MWe by end of XI Plan. Additional projects are also planned to be taken up in the XI Plan and beyond, to achieve a nuclear power capacity of about 20,000 MWe by the year 2020.

The above programme will however be subject to allocation of required plan outlays and Budgetary Support from the Government of India.

Post Office Recurring Deposit Claims

1813. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that claimants can receive the benefit of Post Office Recurring Deposit cases of missing persons after waiting for the mandatory period of seven years;

(b)if so, whether any such claims are pending for settlement from July, 2001 till date in Delhi;

(c) if so, the details thereof, indicating the reasons for not setting these claims;

(d) whether there has been unnecessary delay in some cases even when all documents submitted by the claimants were in order;

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(f) by when these claimants would received their due claims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No such recurring deposit claim is pending in Delhi.

(d) to (f) Do not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.

Postal buildings in H.P.

1814. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foundation stone was laid by Government for construction of Postal buildings at BHIULI area in Mandi Town, Himachal Pradesh between 1993 and 1995, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The foundation stone for the Postal building at Purani Mandi adjoining BHIULI area in Mandi town Himachal Pradesh was laid on 24.3.1995. A plot of land measuring 1198.75 Sq. Mtrs. was acquired from the State Government during the year 1994 for construction of Offices of Senior Superintendent of Post Offices (SSPOs) Mandi, Superintendent of Railway Mail Services (SRMS) Mandi and Sub-Record Office (SRO) Mandi. The construction work of the building is likely to commence during the 10th Five Year Plan subject to availability of resources.